

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Kindly replace the original abstract (page 45) with the following substitute abstract.

A device information administrator detects a fluctuation in a total consumed power of a power-consuming device group and determines and outputs a consumed power to be changed by any of devices in the power-consuming device group so as to suppress this fluctuation. A power-save determinator generates and outputs a control command for at least one device of the power-consuming device group so that the total consumed power of the power-consuming device group changes in accordance with the consumed power to be changed outputted from the device information administrator. A device controller controls at least one device corresponding to the control command outputted from the power-save determinator in accordance with the control command. Accordingly, the fluctuation in the total consumed power of one or more power-consuming devices can be effectively suppressed.